



Workshop: Rural Health Equity and Well-Being

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's (NASEM) Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities and the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement will host a workshop on, "Achieving Rural Health Equity and Well-Being: Challenges and Opportunities." The workshop will feature discussion of initiatives created to tackle systematic disinvestment in rural communities. The conditions in which people are born, live, learn, play, and age have a powerful influence on the health of individuals and communities; these are called the social determinants of health. The implications for improving the social determinants of health, including access to and quality of health care services, will also be discussed. Participants of this webinar will:



- Explore the impacts of racial inequities, economic issues, and immigration in rural communities; and,
- Learn about asset-based approaches to addressing challenges through initiatives that improve population health and health equity.

The workshop will be held in Prattville, Alabama, and webcast.

For workshop information, click [here](#). For more information about rural health in Maryland, visit the DHMH OPHI State Office of Rural Health program [here](#); for more information about health equity, visit the DHMH Minority Health and Health Disparities programs [here](#).

Webinar: "More than Tested, Cured" Project Update

Thursday, June 15, 2017

A webinar titled, "'More than Tested, Cured' Project," will address barriers to hepatitis C (HCV) care faced by individuals who use drugs. The Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, the People's Harm Reduction Alliance,



and the Urban Survivors Union will host the webinar discussion. Presenters will share findings from conversations with providers who treat active drug users and from interviews with people who use drugs about their barriers to care. The "More than Tested, Cured" project addresses patient education, primary care referral to treatment, and specialty care provision of treatment.

For webinar information, click [here](#). For more information about HCV programs in Maryland, visit the DHMH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration's program [here](#).

Online Training: Social Determinants of Health and Health Outcomes

Monday, June 19, 2017

The Allies for Reaching Community Health Equity (ARCHE) will host an online training on, "Understanding How the Social Determinants of Health Impact Health Outcomes." Examples of programmatic, structural, and policy interventions will be discussed to illustrate how public health practitioners, advocates, and policymakers can effectively address social determinants and advance equity for diverse populations and communities that have experienced persistent barriers to good health. Participants will learn to:



- Define the social determinants of health and explain how inequities in different social domains affect health outcomes and health disparities;
- ☐ Identify examples of effective local, regional, and national strategies for improving systems and policies that affect the social determinant of health; and,
- ☐ Apply the principles of health equity practice to at least one specific health inequity.

For training information, click [here](#). For more information about health equity, visit the DHMH Minority Health and Health Disparities programs [here](#).

Webinar: Intervention Planning Matrix



Tuesday, June 20, 2017

The County Health Rankings & Roadmaps will host a webinar titled, "Intervention Planning Matrix: Considering the Impact of Strategies." The webinar will explain the Intervention Planning Matrix tool and lessons learned from one community who used it to strengthen partnerships and move toward sustainable policy, systems, and environmental changes. The Intervention Planning Matrix can help users:

- Determine if improvement strategies work;
- Measure impact on individuals organizations and communities; and,
- Assess if interventions support program, policy, and system change.

For more information, click [here](#).

Event: Focus On Eye Health National Summit

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Prevent Blindness, a volunteer eye health and safety organization, will host the "Sixth Annual Focus on Eye Health National Summit." This year's theme is *What's in Sight?* In response to the recent release of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Report, "Making Eye Health a Population Health Imperative: Vision for Tomorrow," the agenda will feature discussions around key pillars of public health such as health policy, surveillance, health promotion, as well as state and community programs. Encouraged to attend are public health practitioners, patient advocates, community-based organizations, vision and eye health organizations, government agencies, and policymakers.



The event will be held in Washington, D.C. The event is free but registration is required.

For more information, click [here](#).

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